

**IN THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently Amended) A semiconductor laser light emitting device comprising:  
a stacked film composed of a stack of group III nitride semiconductor films each containing at least one kind selected from aluminum, gallium, indium, and boron;  
wherein,  
an upper portion of said stacked film is formed into a ridge-like stripe, to form a current injection region;  
a current injection width  $W_{st}$  of said current injection region is at a value in a range of  $1\ \mu\text{m} \leq W_{st} \leq 3\ \mu\text{m}$ ,  
a current non-injection region formed on both sides of said ridge-like strip;  
at least part of said current non-injection region is made from a material expressed by a chemical formula  $[\text{Al}_x\text{Ga}_{1-x}\text{N}] \text{ } \underline{\text{Al}_x\text{Ga}_{1-x}\text{N}}$  ( $0 \leq x \leq 1.0$ );  
the component ratio “x” of  $[\text{Al}] \text{ } \underline{\text{Al}}$  is at a value in a range of  $0.3 \leq x \leq 1.0$ , so that said semiconductor laser light emitting device is configured as an index guide type semiconductor laser light emitting device; and  
a film located between an active layer and the current non-injection region of the stacked film made from a material expressed by a chemical formula  $\text{Al}_x\text{Ga}_{1-x}\text{N}$  ( $0.3 \leq x \leq 1.0$ ) and has a thickness of less than  $0.2\ \mu\text{m}$  [or less] but greater than zero.
2. (Cancelled).

3. (Cancelled).

4. (Cancelled).

5. (Original) A semiconductor laser light emitting device according to claim 1, wherein a difference  $\Delta n$  between an effective refractive index  $n_1$  of said current injection region in the film stacking direction and an effective refractive index  $n_2$  of said current non-injection region in the film stacking direction is in a range of  $0.007 \leq \Delta n = (n_1 - n_2) \leq 0.012$ .

6. (Currently Amended) A semiconductor laser light emitting device according to claim [2] 1, wherein a difference  $\Delta n$  between an effective refractive index  $n_1$  of said current injection region in the film stacking direction and an effective refractive index  $n_2$  of said current non-injection region in the film stacking direction is in a range of  $0.007 \leq \Delta n = (n_1 - n_2) \leq 0.012$ .

7. (Cancelled).

8. (Currently Amended) A semiconductor laser light emitting device according to claim [4] 1, wherein a difference  $\Delta n$  between an effective refractive index  $n_1$  of said current injection region in the film stacking direction and an effective refractive index  $n_2$  of said current non-injection region in the film stacking direction is in a range of  $0.007 \leq \Delta n = (n_1 - n_2) \leq 0.012$ .

9. (Currently Amended) A semiconductor laser light emitting device comprising:  
a stacked film composed of a stack of group III nitride semiconductor films each  
containing at least one kind selected from aluminum, gallium, indium, and boron;  
wherein,  
an upper portion of said stacked film is formed into a ridge-like stripe, to form a current  
injection region;  
a current injection width  $W_{st}$  of said current injection region is at a value in a range of  $1\ \mu\text{m} \leq W_{st} \leq 3\ \mu\text{m}$ ,  
a current non-injection region formed on both sides of said ridge-like strip; and  
at least part of said current non-injection region is made from a material expressed by a  
chemical formula  $[\text{Al}_x\text{Ga}_{1-x}\text{N}] \text{ Al}_x\text{Ga}_{1-x}\text{N}$  ( $0 \leq x \leq 1.0$ );  
the component ratio “x” of  $[\text{Al}] \text{ Al}$  is at a value in a range of  $0.15 < x < 0.30$ ,  
so that said semiconductor laser light emitting device is configured as a weak index type  
pulsation semiconductor laser light emitting device; and  
a film located between an active layer and the current non-injection region of the stacked  
film made from a material expressed by a chemical formula  $\text{Al}_x\text{Ga}_{1-x}\text{N}$  ( $0.15 \leq x \leq 0.30$ ) and  
has a thickness of less than  $0.2\ \mu\text{m}$  [or less] but greater than zero.

10. (Cancelled).

11. (Cancelled).

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Original) A semiconductor laser light emitting device according to claim 9, wherein a difference  $\Delta n$  between an effective refractive index  $n_1$  of said current injection region in the film stacking direction and an effective refractive index  $n_2$  of said current non-injection region in the film stacking direction is in a range of  $0 < \Delta n = (n_1 - n_2) < 0.007$ .

14. (Currently Amended) A semiconductor laser light emitting device according to claim [10] 9, wherein a difference  $\Delta n$  between an effective refractive index  $n_1$  of said current injection region in the film stacking direction and an effective refractive index  $n_2$  of said current non-injection region in the film stacking direction is in a range of  $0 < \Delta n = (n_1 - n_2) < 0.007$ .

15. (Cancelled).

16. (Currently Amended) A semiconductor laser light emitting device according to claim [12] 9, wherein a difference  $\Delta n$  between an effective refractive index  $n_1$  of said current injection region in the film stacking direction and an effective refractive index  $n_2$  of said current non-injection region in the film stacking direction is in a range of  $0 < \Delta n = (n_1 - n_2) < 0.007$ .

17. (Currently Amended) A semiconductor laser light emitting device comprising:  
a stacked film composed of a stack of group III nitride semiconductor films each containing at least one kind selected from aluminum, gallium, indium, and boron;

wherein,

an upper portion of said stacked film is formed into a ridge-like stripe, to form a current injection region;

a current injection width  $W_{st}$  of said current injection region is at a value in a range of  $1 \mu\text{m} \leq W_{st} \leq 3 \mu\text{m}$ ,

a current non-injection region formed on both sides of said ridge-like strip; and

at least part of said current non-injection region is made from a material expressed by a chemical formula  $[\text{Al}_x\text{Ga}_{1-x}\text{N}] \text{Al}_x\text{Ga}_{1-x}\text{N}$  ( $0 \leq x \leq 1.0$ );

the component ratio "x" of  $[\text{Al}] \text{Al}$  is at a value in a range of  $0 \leq x \leq 0.15$ ,

so that said semiconductor laser light emitting device is configured as a gain type laser light emitting device; and

a film located between an active layer and the current non-injection region of the stacked film made from a material expressed by a chemical formula  $\text{Al}_x\text{Ga}_{1-x}\text{N}$  ( $0 \leq x \leq 0.15$ ) and has a thickness of less than  $0.2 \mu\text{m}$  [or less] but greater than zero.

18. (Cancelled).

19. (Cancelled).

20. (Cancelled).

21. (Original) A semiconductor laser light emitting device according to claim 17, wherein a difference  $\Delta n$  between an effective refractive index  $n_1$  of said current injection region in the film stacking direction and an effective refractive index  $n_2$  of said current non-injection region in the film stacking direction is in a range of  $0 < \Delta n = (n_1 - n_2) < 0.007$ .

22. (Currently Amended) A semiconductor laser light emitting device according to claim [18] 17, wherein a difference  $\Delta n$  between an effective refractive index  $n_1$  of said current injection region in the film stacking direction and an effective refractive index  $n_2$  of said current non-injection region in the film stacking direction is in a range of  $0 < \Delta n = (n_1 - n_2) < 0.007$ .

23. (Cancelled).

24. (Currently Amended) A semiconductor laser light emitting device according to claim [20] 17, wherein a difference  $\Delta n$  between an effective refractive index  $n_1$  of said current injection region in the film stacking direction and an effective refractive index  $n_2$  of said current non-injection region in the film stacking direction is in a range of  $0 < \Delta n = (n_1 - n_2) < 0.007$ .

25. (New) A semiconductor laser light emitting device comprising:  
a stack of group III nitride semiconductor films each comprising at least one element selected from the group of aluminum, gallium, indium, and boron;  
an upper portion of said stacked film forming a ridge-like stripe for a current injection region;

a current non-injection region formed on both sides of said ridge-like strip, wherein at least part of said current non-injection region is made from a material expressed by a chemical formula  $\text{Al}_x\text{Ga}_{1-x}\text{N}$  ( $0 \leq x \leq 1.0$ ), and wherein the component ratio "x" of Al is between 0.3 and 1.0; and

a p-side electrode is formed on and in contact with the current non-injection region.

26. (New) A semiconductor laser light emitting device comprising:

a stack of group III nitride semiconductor films each comprising at least one element selected from the group of aluminum, gallium, indium, and boron;

an upper portion of said stacked film forming a ridge-like stripe for a current injection region;

a current non-injection region formed on both sides of said ridge-like strip, wherein at least part of said current non-injection region is made from a material expressed by a chemical formula  $\text{Al}_x\text{Ga}_{1-x}\text{N}$  ( $0 \leq x \leq 1.0$ ), and wherein the component ratio "x" of Al is between 0.3 and 1.0; and

a contact layer formed in between the current non-injection region.

27. (New) A semiconductor laser light emitting device according to claim 26, wherein the contact layer is formed on the ridge-like stripe.

28. A semiconductor laser light emitting device according to claim 27, wherein the contact layer is in contact with the ridge-like stripe.

29. (New) A semiconductor laser light emitting device according to claim 26, further comprising a p-side electrode is formed on and in contact with the contact layer.

30. (New) A semiconductor laser light emitting device comprising:  
a stack of group III nitride semiconductor films each comprising at least one element selected from the group of aluminum, gallium, indium, and boron;

an upper portion of said stacked film forming a ridge-like stripe for a current injection region;

a current non-injection region formed on both sides of said ridge-like strip, wherein at least part of said current non-injection region is made from a material expressed by a chemical formula  $\text{Al}_x\text{Ga}_{1-x}\text{N}$  ( $0 \leq x \leq 1.0$ ); and

a film located between an active layer and the current non-injection region of the stacked film made from a material expressed by a chemical formula  $\text{Al}_x\text{Ga}_{1-x}\text{N}$  ( $0.15 \leq x \leq 0.30$ ) and having a thickness of less than  $0.2 \mu\text{m}$  but greater than zero.